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Subject: MLPA North Central Coast Study Region (Alder Creek/Point Arena in Mendocino County to Pigeon Point in San Mateo County)

To Members of the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (NCCRSRG) and the MLPA Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force:

I recently learned that a proposal is being considered to close one of two sections of California's northern coast to fishing, either Gerstle Cove to Black Point Beach/Sea Ranch or Black Point Beach/Sea Ranch to Gualala.

I strongly urge you to leave **Gerstle Cove to Black Point Beach/Sea Ranch** open to fishing and diving. This area provides some of the safest and most utilized fishing and diving locations along the Sonoma Coast. Additionally, Salt Point State Park provides the largest public ocean access in this area and is maintained by taxes and park fees that are largely paid by fishermen and divers. To close the area to fishing would unfairly deny fishing access to thousands of taxpayers and park users who have financially supported the park for years.

Sea Ranch has five public access points with only four parking spaces each and provides very little safe fishing or diving. A closure of Black Point Beach/Sea Ranch to Gualala causes far less restriction to the fishing public and causes far less economic impact on the State Park system, which already lost millions of dollars in this year's budget process.

Once again, I urge you to leave **Gerstle Cove to Black Point Beach/Sea Ranch** open for fishing and diving.

Sincerely,
Janice Gardner-Loster
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